



# Coordinate Changes for Integrals

Remark: In Calc I, solved integrals like  $\int_{a_1}^{a_2} \int_{b_1}^{b_2} x e^{x^2} dx dy = 2 \int_{a_1}^{a_2} x e^{x^2} dx$  (representation of parameter changes too)

Q In double integrals we made the polar coordinate change...  
 $dA_{\text{cart}} = r dA_{\text{polar}}$

Q How to do this more generally?

A. We'll use a Jacobian

Defn: Suppose  $\begin{cases} x_1 = x_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ x_2 = x_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ \vdots \\ x_n = x_n(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \end{cases}$

a coordinate change by diff. functions

The (signed) Jacobian change of the coordinate is

$$\frac{d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial u_n} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial u_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial u_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex. Comp the signed Jacobian of polar transformation.  $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$

Sol.  $\frac{d(x, y)}{d(r, \theta)} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \cos \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta r \sin \theta = r \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = r$

NB: Swapping order of  $(r, \theta)$  to  $(\theta, r)$

$$\frac{d(x, y)}{d(\theta, r)} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ r \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} = -r \sin^2 \theta - r \cos^2 \theta = -r$$

The unsigned Jacobian is  $\left| \frac{d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)} \right|$

Prop: If  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is a cont. function &  $\begin{cases} x_1 = x_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ x_2 = x_2(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ \vdots \\ x_n = x_n(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \end{cases}$  is a diff. coordinate transfo.

$$\int_R dV_{\text{old}} = \int_{R_{\text{new}}} f(x_1(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \dots, x_n(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)) \left| \frac{d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{d(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)} \right| dA_{\text{new}}$$

Ex. Comp  $\iint_R (x-3y) dA$  for  $R$ , the triangle with vertices  $(0,0), (1,2), (2,1)$

Sol 1. (Comp. by hand)

Sol 2. (using transforming)



$$\begin{cases} x = 2\alpha + 1\beta & \text{b/c } (0, \beta) = (1, 0) \text{ we have} \\ y = 1\alpha + 2\beta & (y(0, \beta), y(1, \beta)) = (1, 1) \end{cases}$$

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By HS geometry, this linear change takes  $R_{\text{new}}$  to  $R_{\text{old}}$

$$R_{\text{new}} = \{(x, \beta) \mid 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1, 0 \leq \beta \leq 1-\alpha\}$$

$$\frac{d(x, y)}{d(\alpha, \beta)} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \beta} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R (x-3y) dA &= \iint_{R_{\text{new}}} (2\alpha + \beta - 3(\alpha + 2\beta)) \left| \frac{d(x, y)}{d(\alpha, \beta)} \right| dA_{\text{new}} \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_{\beta=0}^{1-\alpha} (-\alpha - 5\beta) 3 d\beta d\alpha \\ &= \int_0^1 -3(1-\alpha)(\alpha + \frac{5}{3}(1-\alpha)) d\alpha \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 (5\alpha - 8\alpha^2 + 3\alpha^3) d\alpha \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} [5\alpha - 4\alpha^2 + \alpha^3] \Big|_0^1 = -\frac{3}{2} [5 - 4 + 1] = -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(x_1, z)}{d(r, \theta, z)} &= \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial z} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \\ x &= r \cos \theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ y &= r \sin \theta \\ z &= z \end{aligned}$$

Generalizing polar coordinates in 3-Space

I. Naive way: Cylindrical coords: Just parametrize  $\mathbb{R}^2$  plane by polar coords, leave  $z$  along

∴ When we comp. integral in general coords, we need to multiply the diff. by  $r$

↳ True of all cylindrical changes

Ex. Comp  $\iint_R (x+y+z) dV$  for  $R$  the solid in first octant & below  $4-x^2-y^2 = z$



Sol. in cylindrical coords

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \\ z = z \end{cases} \quad R_{\text{new}} \{(r, \theta, z) \mid 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 \leq r \leq 2, 0 \leq z \leq 4-r^2 \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R \rho_{\text{out}} (x+y+z) dV_{\text{out}} &= \iint_{R_{\text{new}}} (r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta + z) r d\theta dr dz \\ &= \int_0^2 \int_{r=0}^{2-r} \int_{z=0}^{4-r^2} (r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta + z) r d\theta dr dz \\ &= \int_0^2 \int_{r=0}^{2-r} (2r^3 + 2r^2) dr dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^2 \left[ \frac{2}{3}r^4 + \frac{2}{3}r^3 + \frac{1}{4}r^4 \right]_{r=0}^{2-r} dz \\ &= \left[ \frac{8}{3}r^4 - \frac{4}{3}r^3 + \frac{1}{4}r^4 \right]_{r=0}^{2-r} dz \\ &= \left[ \frac{64}{3} - \frac{32}{3} + \frac{16}{3} \right] dz \\ &= \frac{64}{3} - \frac{32}{3} + \frac{16}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_{r=0}^{2\cos \theta} \int_{z=0}^{4-r^2} (r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta + z) r d\theta dr dz \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_{r=0}^{2\cos \theta} (2r^3 + 2r^2) dr dz \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ 2r^4 + \frac{2}{3}r^3 \right]_{r=0}^{2\cos \theta} dz \\ &= \left[ 8r^4 + \frac{8}{3}r^3 \right]_{r=0}^{2\cos \theta} dz \\ &= (8r^4 + 8r^3) \Big|_{r=0}^{2\cos \theta} dz \\ &= (8(2\cos \theta)^4 + 8(2\cos \theta)^3) dz \\ &= (128\cos^4 \theta + 64\cos^3 \theta) dz \end{aligned}$$

### III Less Naive way! Spherical Coords

In spherical coords, we parametrize points  $(x, y, z)$  using 3 pieces of data:

$\rho$  = distance from origin

$\theta$  = angle made w/ pos. x-axis  $\&$  point  $(x, y, 0)$

$\varphi$  = angle made w/ pos. z-axis  $\&$  pt.  $(x, y, z)$

Note  $\sin(\varphi) > \frac{r}{\rho}$ , so  $r = \rho \sin(\varphi)$

in our parametrization

$$\begin{cases} x = \rho \cos \theta = \rho \sin(\varphi) \cos(\theta) \\ y = \rho \sin \theta = \rho \sin(\varphi) \sin(\theta) \\ z = \rho \cos(\varphi) \end{cases}$$

$$dA_{\text{surf}} = \rho^2 \sin(\varphi) dA_{\text{sph.}}$$